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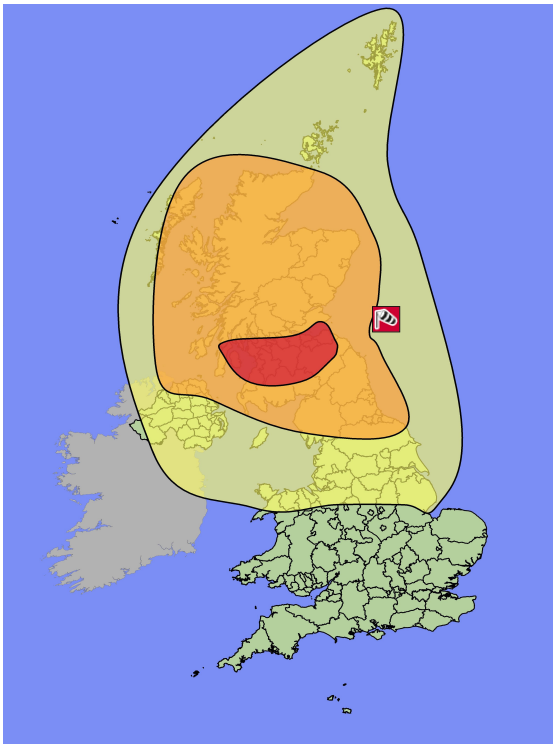

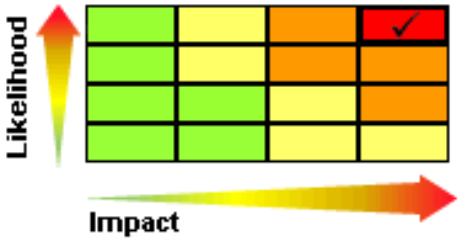

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A rapidly deepening area of low pressure is moving towards Scotland during Thursday. Gusts of 60 to 70 mph likely to become quite widespread across northern and central Britain, but 70 to 80 mph within the Amber region. 90mph gusts are possible in exposed places, particularly central and southern Scotland (the red zone) .

There are still some uncertainties in the exact location of the most damaging winds and the public should keep up to date with the latest forecasts.

The Met Office have issued a **Red Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **10:00 on Thu, 08th Dec 2011** until **06:00 on Fri, 09th Dec 2011**

Winds will increase during Thursday morning with severe gales developing across many northern and central parts of the UK, and some particularly damaging storm force winds likely to affect parts of the north, including some major population centres in Scotland.

The risk of disruption is considered highest across central and southern Scotland where the police are advising that conditions for travel will be extremely poor and that travellers are likely to experience significant delays.

Winds should tend to ease from the west on Thursday night with the severe gales becoming confined to NE Scotland by the early hours of Friday.

Heavy rain and hill snow are additional hazards that will accompany the gales (see our snow warnings for details).

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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